

II. REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 12 to 15 will be pending, of which claim 12 is independent. Claims 1 to 11 were withdrawn from consideration and are canceled. The applicants would like to thank the examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 12 to 15.

The applicants respectfully request entry of this response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, in that if the examiner maintains the claim rejections, this response places the claims in better form for appeal. This response is filed within the shortened statutory period for response, no fee due. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action thereon.

In the event this response is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108910-00042.

Respectfully submitted,

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